DOUBLEDUCK Unknown

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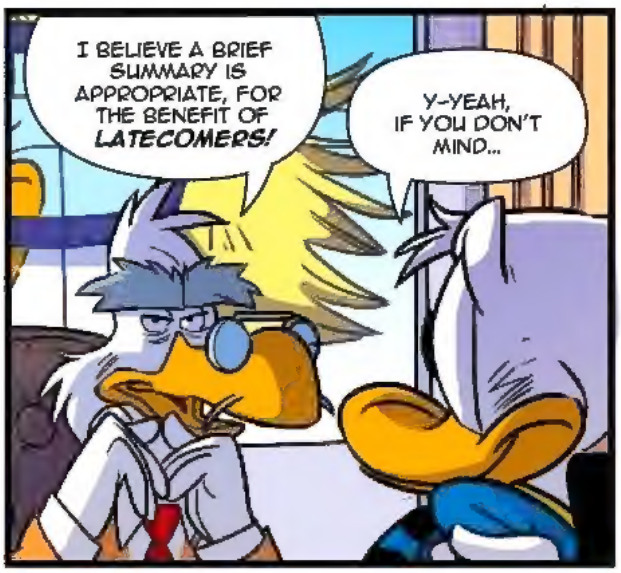
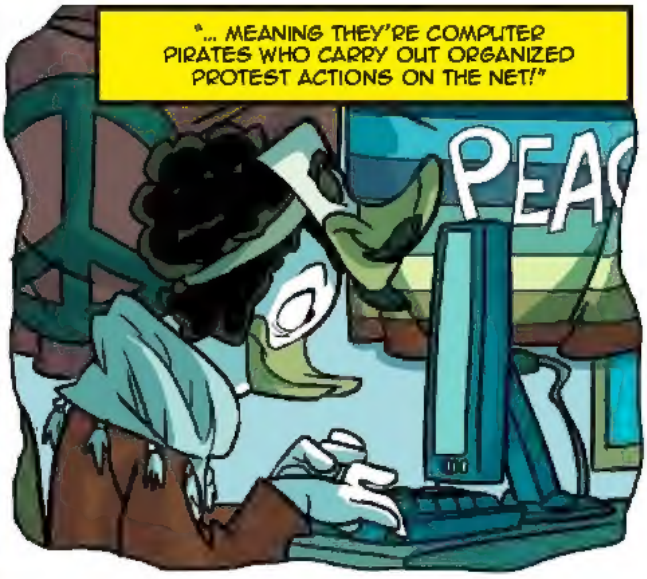
BOOM
SBRAAAM
WE GOT HERE TOO LATE! I GUESS THE BIRD'S TAKEN FLIGHT!
NOT NECESSARILY! SHE MAY HAVE WORKED LATE AND HAS YET TO COME HOME!
HALF-EMPTY CLOSET, NO MONEY AND DOCUMENTS... I DON'T THINK SHE'LL RETURN ANYTIME SOON!
SO, HOW DO WE PROCEED?
WE'LL RUMMAGE THROUGH EVERYTHING! IF SHE LEFT SOME CLUE, WE'LL FIND IT!

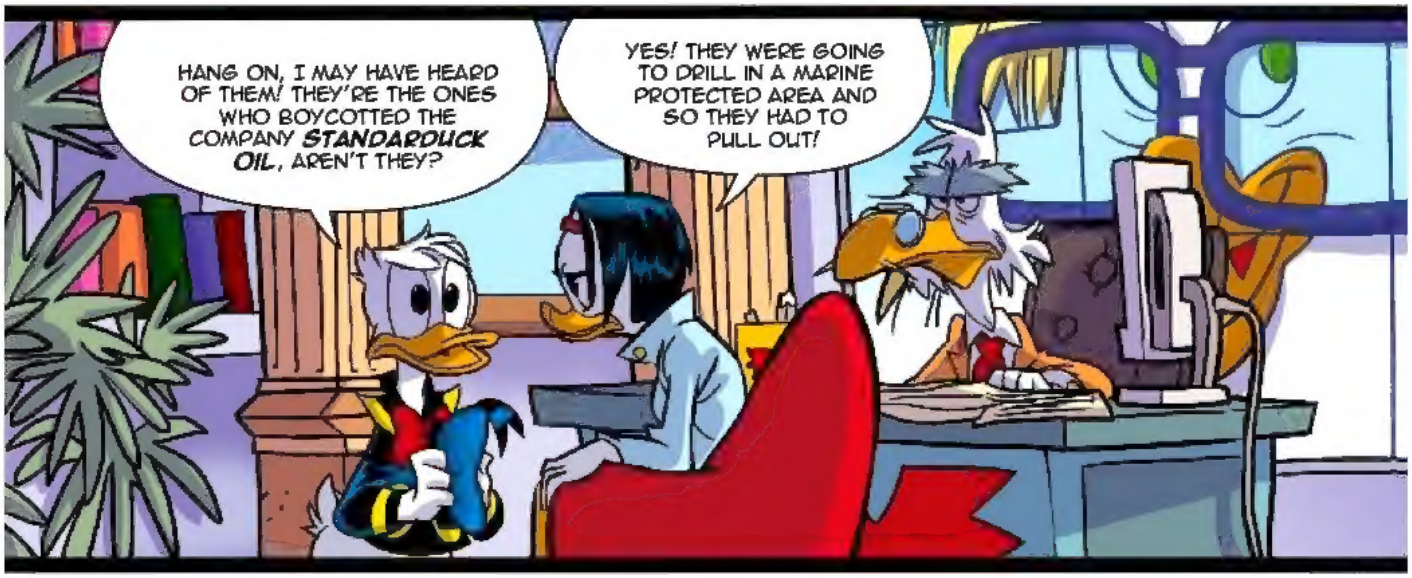
I KNOW THIS PERSON WELL, DIRECTOR, AND I CAN GUARANTEE YOU SHE'S NOT A CRIMINAL!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FRUSTRATION! NEVERTHELESS, THE ELEMENTS WE HOLD APPEAR TO INDICATE OTHERWISE!
PANT! SORRY I'M LATE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME, AGENT DOUBLEDUCK!
WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU GET STUCK IN TRAFFIC?
NO, COULDN'T FIND MY CAR! I'D FORGOTTEN WHERE I'D PARKED IT!
HEY! THAT'S IRMA BOOTS, THE COMPUTER WHIZ I MET LONG AGO*!
YES, THAT'S HER! AND UNFORTUNATELY SHE'S IN BIG TROUBLE!
*SEE "HUNTERS AND PREY".


I BELIEVE A BRIEF SUMMARY IS APPROPRIATE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF *LATECOMERS!*
Y-YEAH, IF YOU DON'T MIND...

WE KNOW THAT MISS BOOTS IS PART OF *UNKNOWN*, A GROUP OF *HACKTIVISTS* RAMIFIED IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD!

A GROUP OF *WHAT?!*
HACKTIVISTS! THE NAME COMBINES THE WORDS *"HACKER"* AND *"ACTIVIST"*...


"... MEANING THEY'RE COMPUTER PIRATES WHO CARRY OUT ORGANIZED PROTEST ACTIONS ON THE NET!"


HANG ON, I MAY HAVE HEARD OF THEM! THEY'RE THE ONES WHO BOYCOTTED THE COMPANY *STANDARDUCK OIL*, AREN'T THEY?
YES! THEY WERE GOING TO DRILL IN A MARINE PROTECTED AREA AND SO THEY HAD TO PULL OUT!

THOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY JUVENILES ENGAGED IN CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BATTLES WOULD TURN TO CRIME!
GOOD POINT, KAY K! IN FACT, **NOT** EVERYONE IN THE GROUP IS INVOLVED, BUT ONLY A FEW MEMBERS HAVE GONE INTO **HIDING!**
IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, THE **SERVERS** OF FIVE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BANKS HAVE SUFFERED **CYBER-ATTACKS...**
... AND BEEN RAIDED FOR DOZENS OF **MILLIONS** OF DOLLARS!
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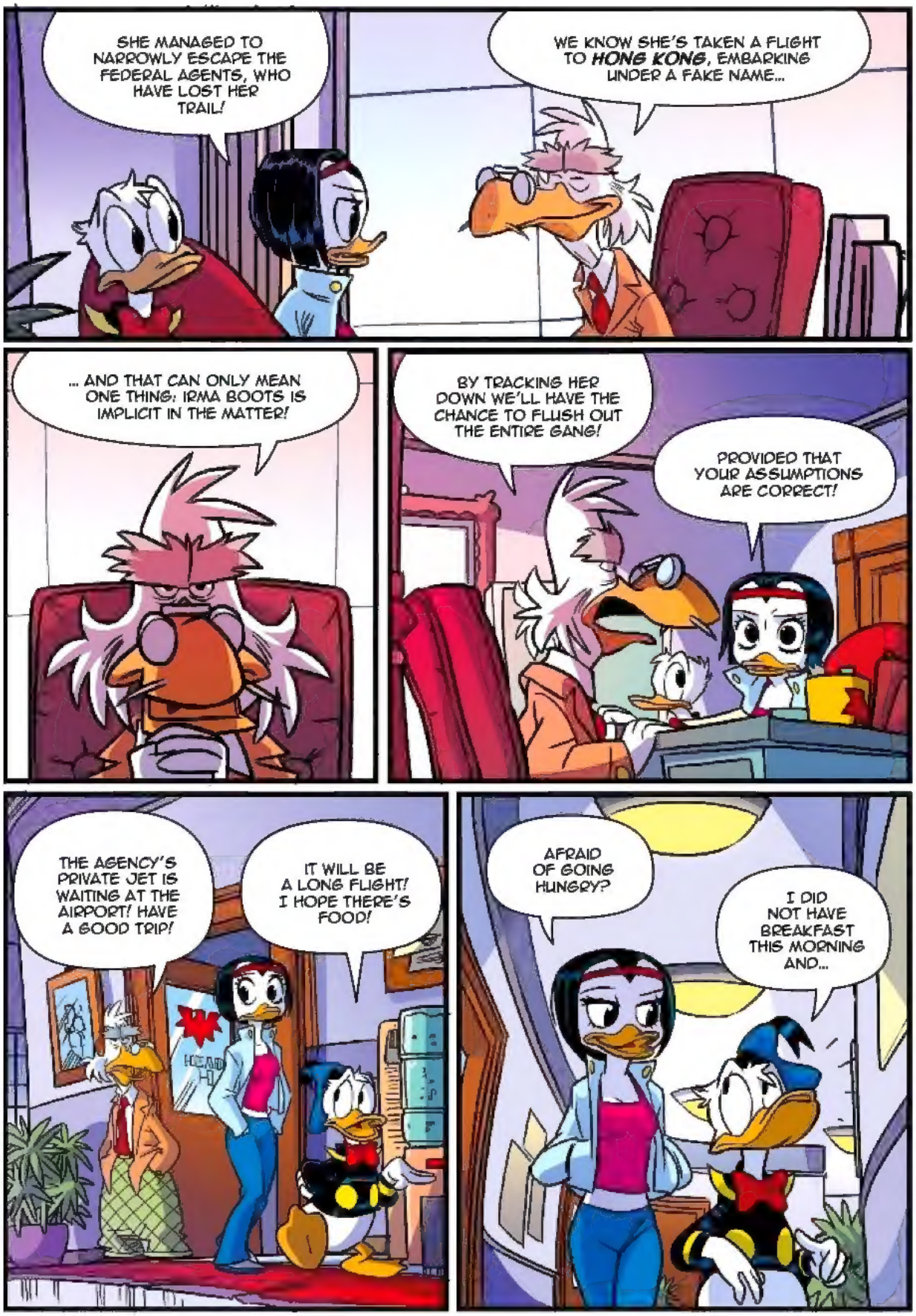
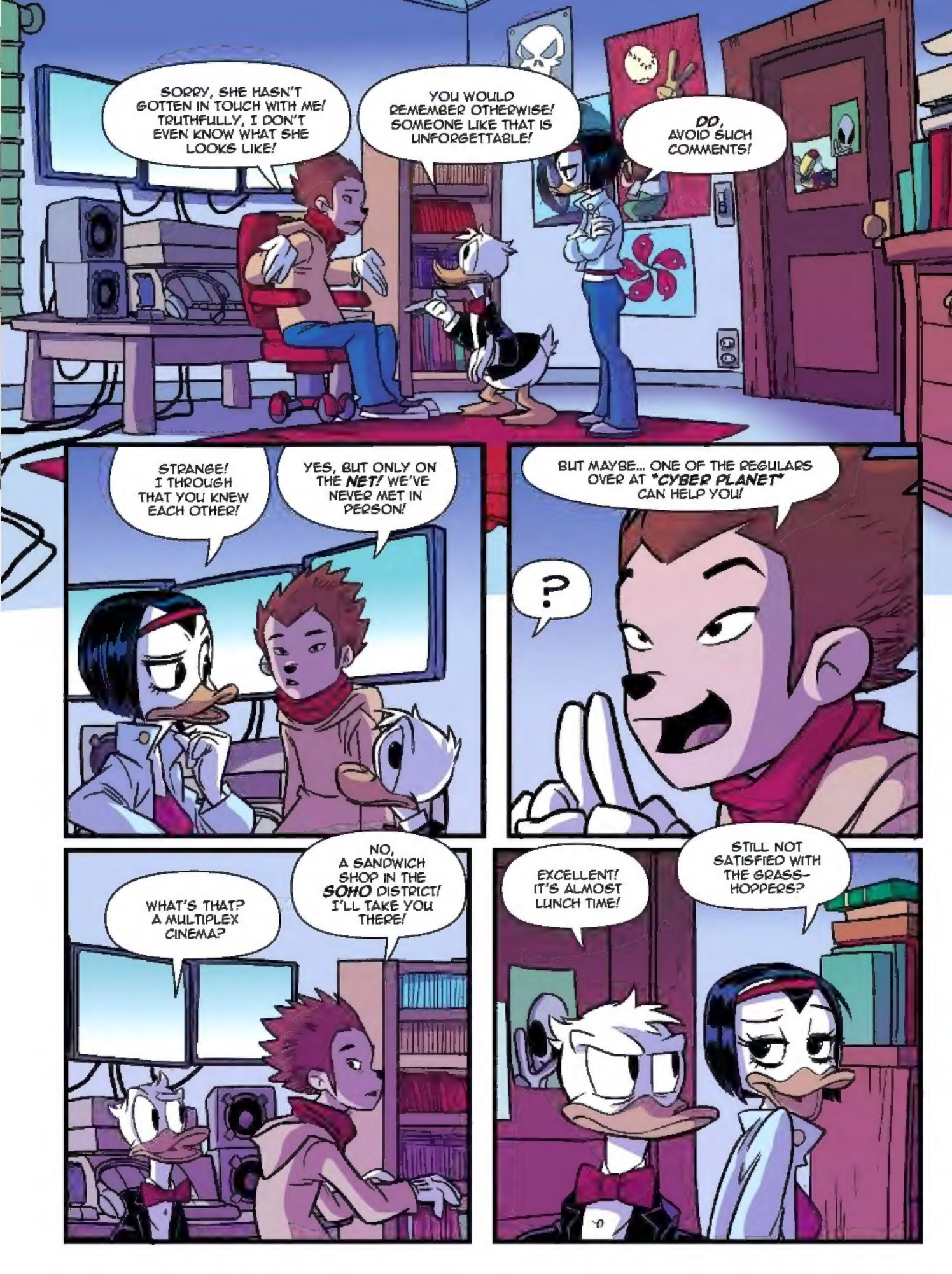
MORE WIDESPREAD RAIDS WOULD THROW THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM INTO CHAOS!
WITH THE CURRENT CRISIS, THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC!
ALL'S CLEAR SO FAR, BUT... WHAT'S OUR MISSION?
FINDING IRMA! SHE'S ALSO DISAPPEARED!


SHE MANAGED TO NARROWLY ESCAPE THE FEDERAL AGENTS, WHO HAVE LOST HER TRAIL!
WE KNOW SHE'S TAKEN A FLIGHT TO HONG KONG, EMBARKING UNDER A FAKE NAME...
... AND THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING: IRMA BOOTS IS IMPLICIT IN THE MATTER!
BY TRACKING HER DOWN WE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO FLUSH OUT THE ENTIRE GANG!
PROVIDED THAT YOUR ASSUMPTIONS ARE CORRECT!
THE AGENCY'S PRIVATE JET IS WAITING AT THE AIRPORT! HAVE A GOOD TRIP!
IT WILL BE A LONG FLIGHT! I HOPE THERE'S FOOD!
AFRAID OF GOING HUNGRY?
I DID NOT HAVE BREAKFAST THIS MORNING AND...

"... FLYING ALWAYS DOES MAKES ME A LITTLE PECKISH!"
SURE... CHOMP... YOU DON'T WANT ANY? THESE FRIED NIBBLES ARE FANTASTIC!
NO THANKS, I'M GOOD!
BUT YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY! THEY SAY THAT GRASSHOPPERS ARE HARD TO DIGEST!
ARGH!
PUAH! SPLUT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME WHAT I WAS GULPING DOWN?
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW! ANYWAYS, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AT WHERE BILLY CHUNG LIVES!

WHAT DOES THE AGENCY KNOW ABOUT THIS GUY?
THE ESSENTIALS: HE'S PART OF UNKNOWN AND NOT IN HIDING!
IRMA HAS NO OTHER REFERENCES IN HONG KONG! THUS, SHE COULD HAVE CONTACTED HIM!
IF SO, DO YOU THINK HE WOULD REVEAL IT?
HE'LL BE CONVINCED TO! WE ARE AFTER ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!
IF THE HACKTIVISTS ARE HONEST PEOPLE, WHICH I'M SURE OF, IT'D BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO SHOW IT!
YEAH, BUT... DO WE PRESENT OURSELVES AS SECRET AGENTS?
NO, AS JOURNALISTS CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION ON UNKNOWN!
WE'LL SAY THAT IRMA BOOTS HAD PROMISED US AN INTERVIEW!
YES, THAT SHOULD WORK!
TOC TOC


SORRY, SHE HASN'T GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH ME! TRUTHFULLY, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE!
YOU WOULD REMEMBER OTHERWISE! SOMEONE LIKE THAT IS UNFORGETTABLE!
DD, AVOID SUCH COMMENTS!
STRANGE! I THROUGH THAT YOU KNEW EACH OTHER!
YES, BUT ONLY ON THE NET! WE'VE NEVER MET IN PERSON!
BUT MAYBE... ONE OF THE REGULARS OVER AT "CYBER PLANET" CAN HELP YOU!
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WHAT'S THAT? A MULTIPLEX CINEMA?
NO, A SANDWICH SHOP IN THE SOHO DISTRICT! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!
EXCELLENT! IT'S ALMOST LUNCH TIME!
STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH THE GRASS-HOPPERS?

PURPLE CLOUD
I WAS ACTUALLY HOPING FOR A LESS SHABBY PLACE!
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CLIENTELE IS CHOICEST!
NIIICE THREADS! WHAT CLIQUE ARE YOU WITH?
EHEM, THE DUCKBURGIAN CLIQUE! EXCUSE ME...
PUNK
LIVE
BEST WE GO IN FROM THE BACK! WE'LL DRAW LESS ATTENTION!
HAH, WE WOULD DRAW ATTENTION?
WHO'S ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH INFOR-MATION?
FOR STARTERS, THE OWNER OF THE PLACE! HE ALWAYS KNOWS EVERYTHING!
TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE TOLD ANYTHING!

GET IN THE VAN, QUICK! DON'T MAKE US DO THIS THE HARD WAY!
GULP! WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED US FROM THE AIRPORT!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
DON'T BE AFRAID! WE JUST WANNA TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE!
IS IT THE KIND WHERE THERE'S NO RETURN?
LET'S SAY THAT THE EVENTUAL RETURN WILL DEPEND ON YOU!
YAAAH!
SMASH
THUD

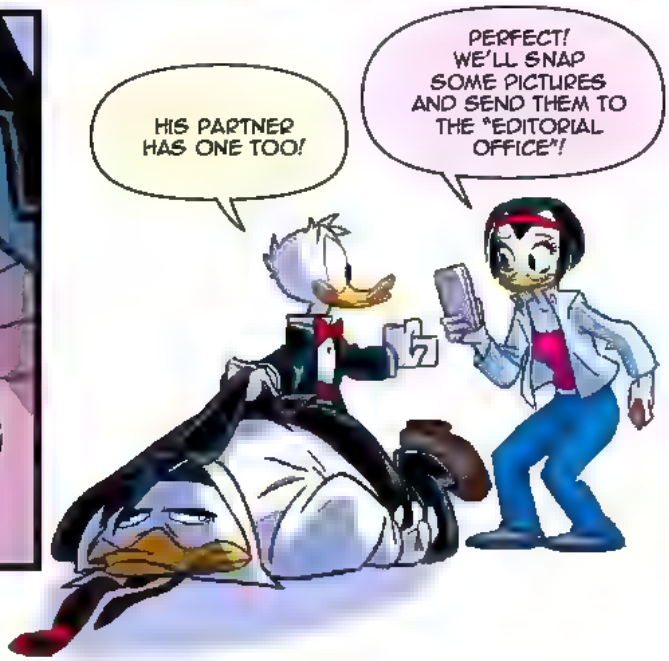
GRRR! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

"THERE'S ALWAYS TIME TO PAY!" THAT'S THE MOTTO OF US CHRONIC DEBTORS!
CONK

NICE ONE! I WAS COUNTING ON YOUR PROMPTNESS!
IT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO YOUR LIGHTNING REFLEXES!

WHO ARE THEY? WHY DID THEY WANT TO ABDUCT US?
ONE QUESTION AT A TIME! LET'S START WITH THEIR IDENTITIES!

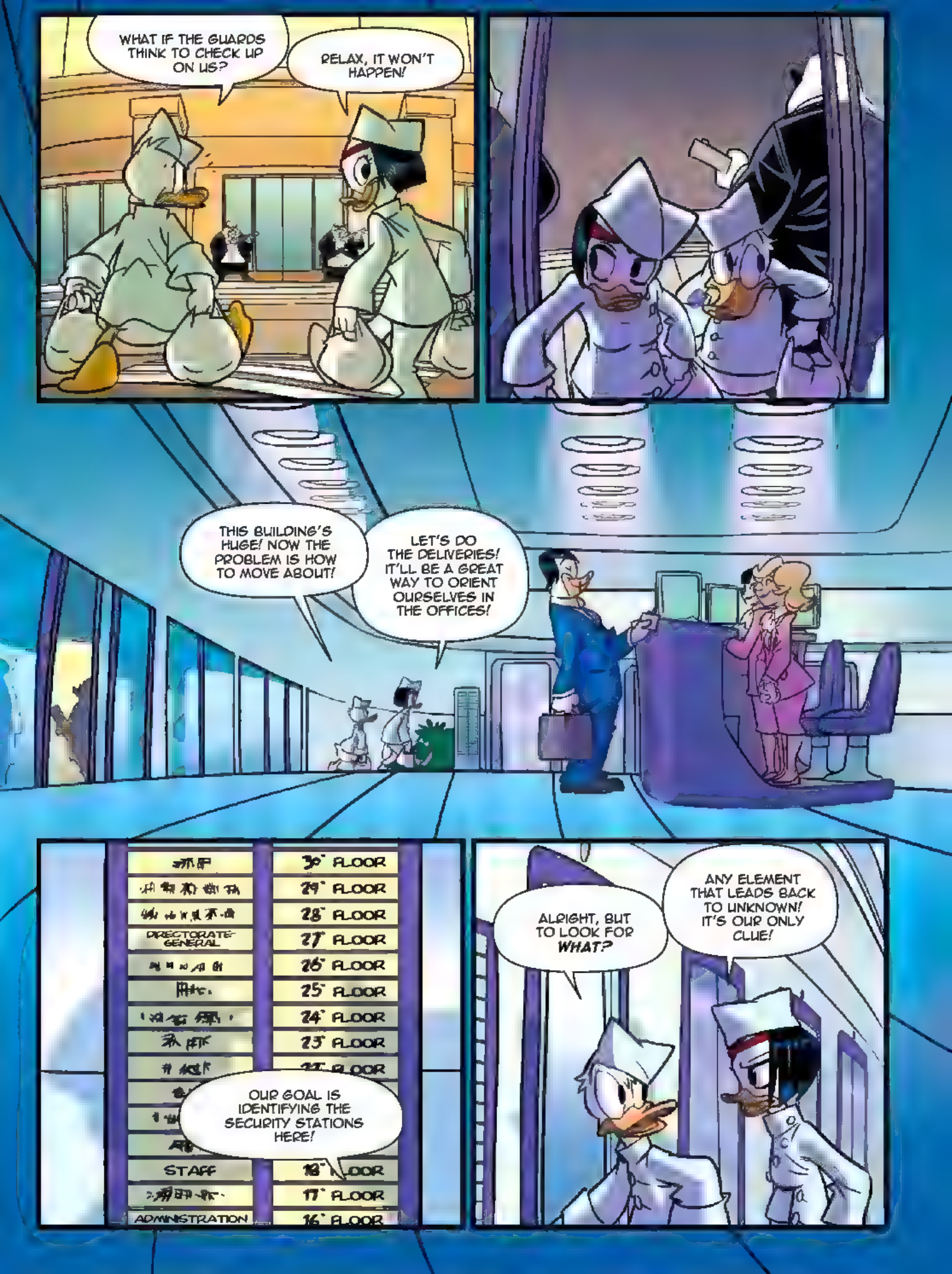
HERE'S A NICE DRIVER'S LICENSE!


HIS PARTNER HAS ONE TOO!
PERFECT! WE'LL SNAP SOME PICTURES AND SEND THEM TO THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE"!

THIS SHOULD INTEREST YOU: THEY BOTH WORK IN PRIVATE SECURITY AT TRAXPO, A COMMERCIAL COMPANY IN HONG KONG!
THANKS, GIZMO! YOUR UNIVERSAL IDENTIFICATION DATABASE IS PORTENTOUS!
A COMMERCIAL COMPANY? THE PLOT THICKENS!
YES, BUT NOW WE'LL PROCEED TO UNRAVEL IT!
PUNK
LET'S GO! A VISIT TO TRAXPO'S HEAD-QUARTERS...
"... CAN GIVE US THE ANSWERS WE'RE LOOKING FOR!"
TRAXPO
TALK ABOUT HEADQUARTERS! IT OCCUPIES AN ENTIRE SKY-SCRAPER!
GETTING INSIDE WILL BE TOUGH! I DOUBT THEY LET JUST ANYONE IN...

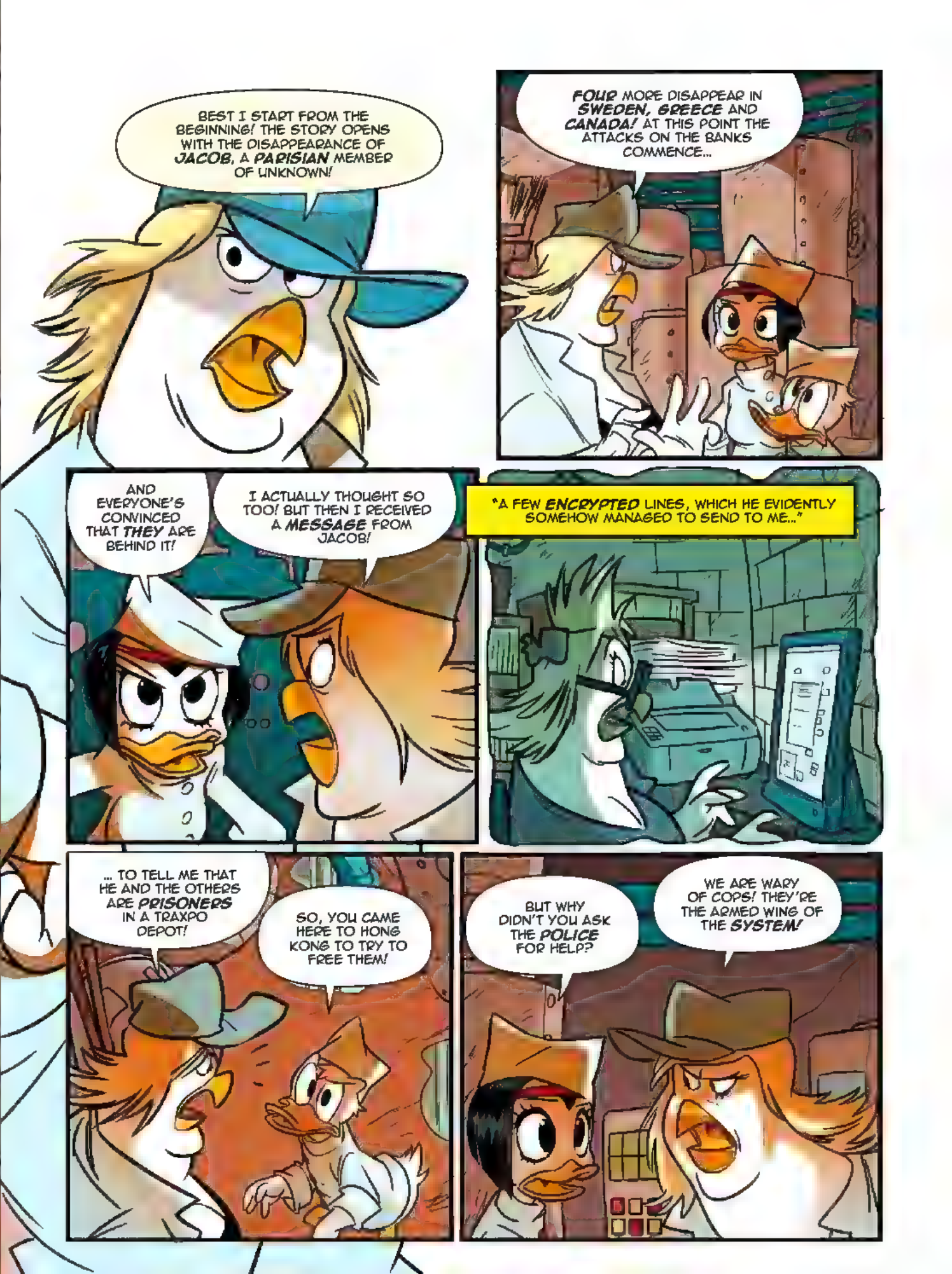
... AND THOSE BRUTES MAKE FOR GOOD GUARDS!
THAT MAY BE... BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE ENTERING UNDISTURBED!
RESTAURANT DELIVERERS!
AND WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?
THAT IT'S TIME TO GRAB OURSELVES SOME SNACKS!
ITALIAN RESTAURANT
HOME & Delivery
HEY THERE, FRIENDS! COULD IT BE THAT THAT'S GETTING TOO TIRING?
HUH?
GO ON, TAKE A BREAK!
COUGH...
PFFFF

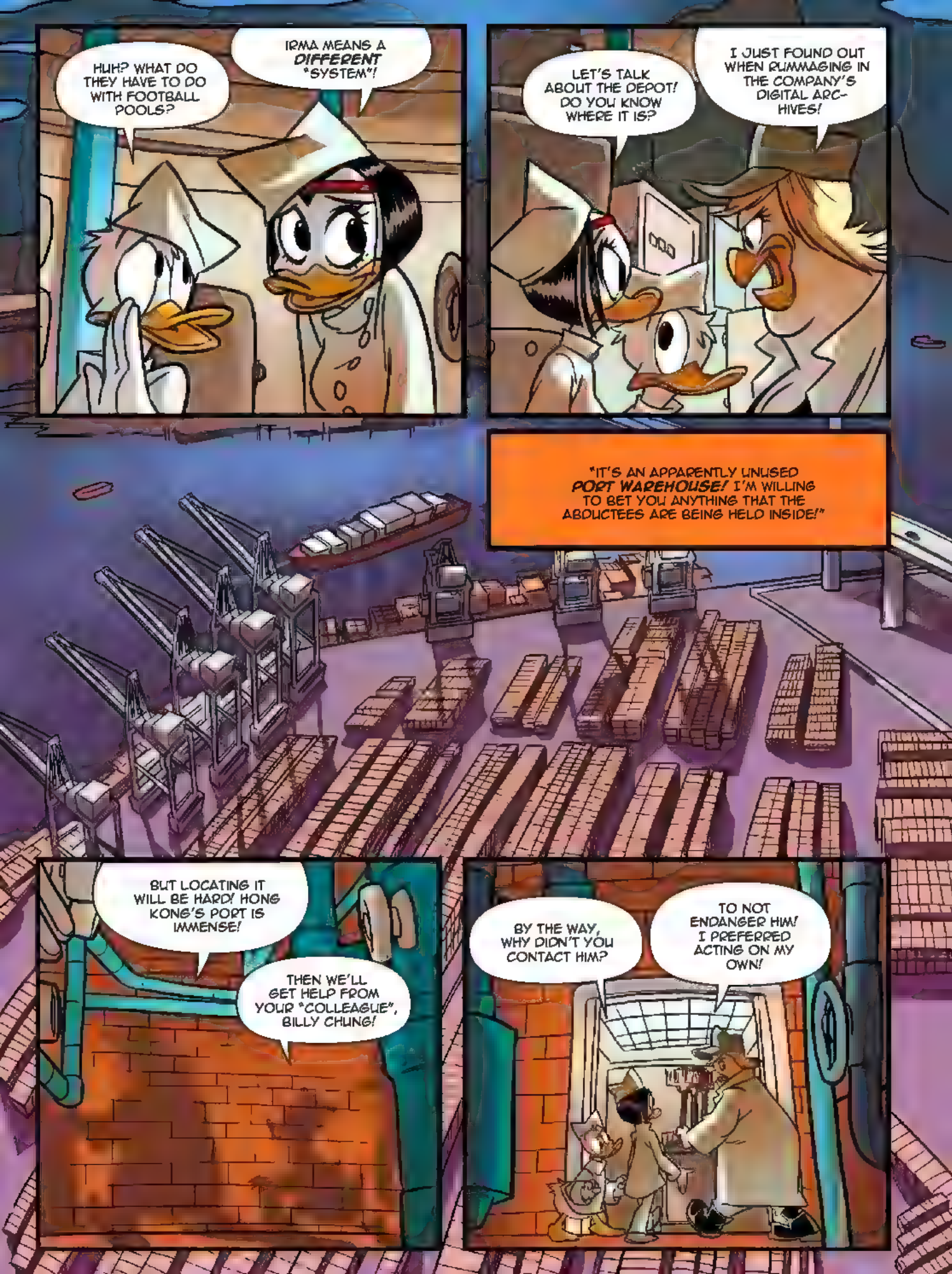
SLEEPING GAS FROM THE BOWTIE?! WHAT KIND OF JOURNALISTS ARE YOU?
THE KIND PREPARED TO TACKLE ANY EVENTUALITY!
COME ON, LET'S CARRY THEM INTO THE VAN!
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK, BILLY! THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!
ALRIGHT!
TSK! THIS JACKET HERE IS QUITE BIG!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? FINDING ONE IN YOUR SIZE?
VOILÀ! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE DISGUISE?
LOOKS PERFECT!
WE'LL BE INSIDE FOR A WHILE! YOU SHOULD WAIT FOR US AROUND THE CORNER!
ROGER THAT!

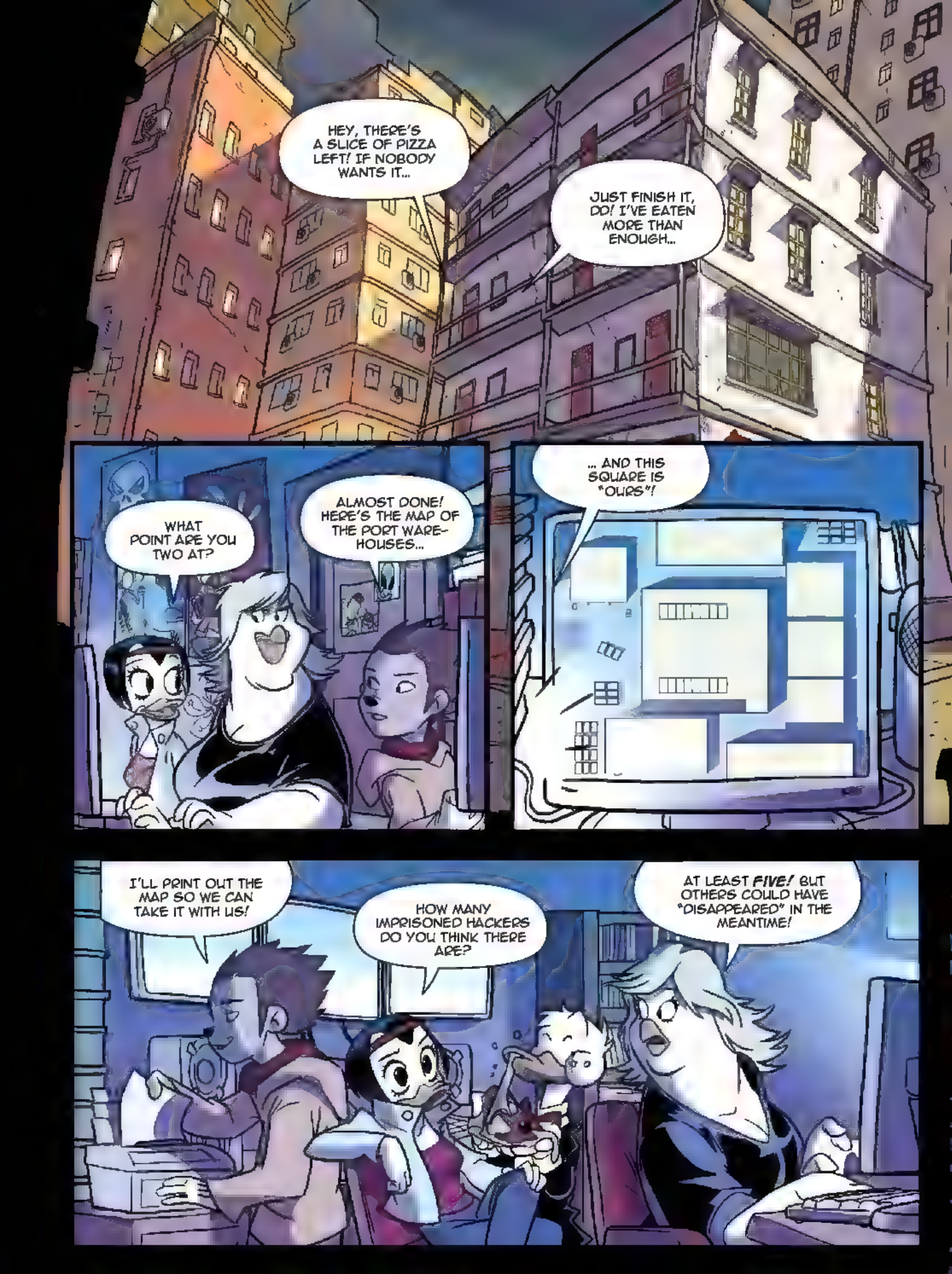

WHAT IF THE GUARDS THINK TO CHECK UP ON US?
RELAX, IT WON'T HAPPEN!
THIS BUILDING'S HUGE! NOW THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO MOVE ABOUT!
LET'S DO THE DELIVERIES! IT'LL BE A GREAT WAY TO ORIENT OURSELVES IN THE OFFICES!
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
29° FLOOR
28° FLOOR
27° FLOOR
26° FLOOR
25° FLOOR
24° FLOOR
23° FLOOR
STAFF
17° FLOOR
ADMINISTRATION
16° FLOOR
OUR GOAL IS IDENTIFYING THE SECURITY STATIONS HERE!
ALRIGHT, BUT TO LOOK FOR *WHAT?*
ANY ELEMENT THAT LEADS BACK TO UNKNOWN! IT'S OUR ONLY CLUE!

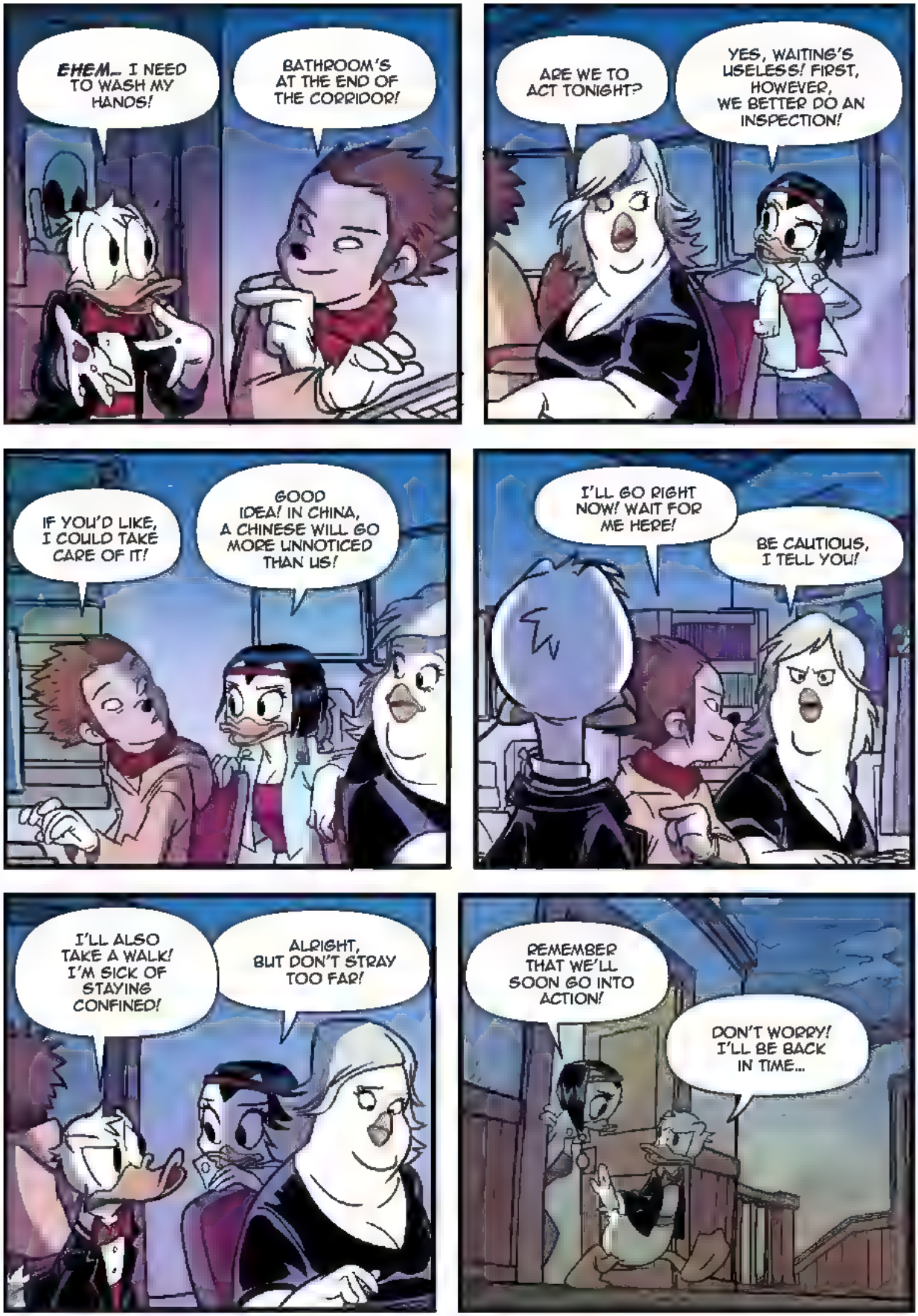
I'M OUT OF FOODSTUFFS! HAVE YOU FOUND THE CENTRAL SECURITY STATION?
IT'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR, NEXT TO THE LOGISTICS OFFICE! LET'S GO DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK!
I ASSUME THEY HAVE... HEY!
WE HAVE TO CATCH THAT ELEVATOR! RUN!
A-ALRIGHT, BUT DON'T PULL!
WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?
GETTING TO A CERTAIN WOMAN...
... WHO'S HIDING UNDER A CERTAIN HAT!
YOU?!
IRMA?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
LOOKING FOR YOU! WE'RE INVESTIGATING ON UNKNOWN'S HACK-TIVISTS WHO'VE GONE INTO HIDING!
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE BECOME CRIMINALS! WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMETHING WE BETTER NOT TALK ABOUT IN THE ELEVATOR!
"LET'S FIRST GO DOWN TO A QUIET PLACE!"
FIRST OF ALL, TELL US WHAT YOU'RE UP TO! I IMAGINE THIS JOB IS A MASQUERADE...
OBVIOUSLY! I GOT MYSELF EMPLOYED IN THE CLEANING COMPANY THROUGH BREACHING ITS COMPUTER SYSTEM!
YOU SNUCK IN TO INVESTIGATE LIKE US?
YOU GUESSED IT! WE'RE IN THE LION'S DEN!
TRAXPO HAS ABDUCTED MY FRIENDS! THEY EVEN CAME AFTER ME!
YOU MEAN THAT THE MISSING HACKTIVISTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN?


BEST I START FROM THE BEGINNING! THE STORY OPENS WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JACOB, A PARISIAN MEMBER OF UNKNOWN!
FOUR MORE DISAPPEAR IN SWEDEN, GREECE AND CANADA! AT THIS POINT THE ATTACKS ON THE BANKS COMMENCE...
AND EVERYONE'S CONVINCED THAT THEY ARE BEHIND IT!
I ACTUALLY THOUGHT SO TOO! BUT THEN I RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM JACOB!
"A FEW ENCRYPTED LINES, WHICH HE EVIDENTLY SOMEHOW MANAGED TO SEND TO ME..."
... TO TELL ME THAT HE AND THE OTHERS ARE PRISONERS IN A TRAXPO DEPOT!
SO, YOU CAME HERE TO HONG KONG TO TRY TO FREE THEM!
BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK THE POLICE FOR HELP?
WE ARE WARY OF COPS! THEY'RE THE ARMED WING OF THE SYSTEM!

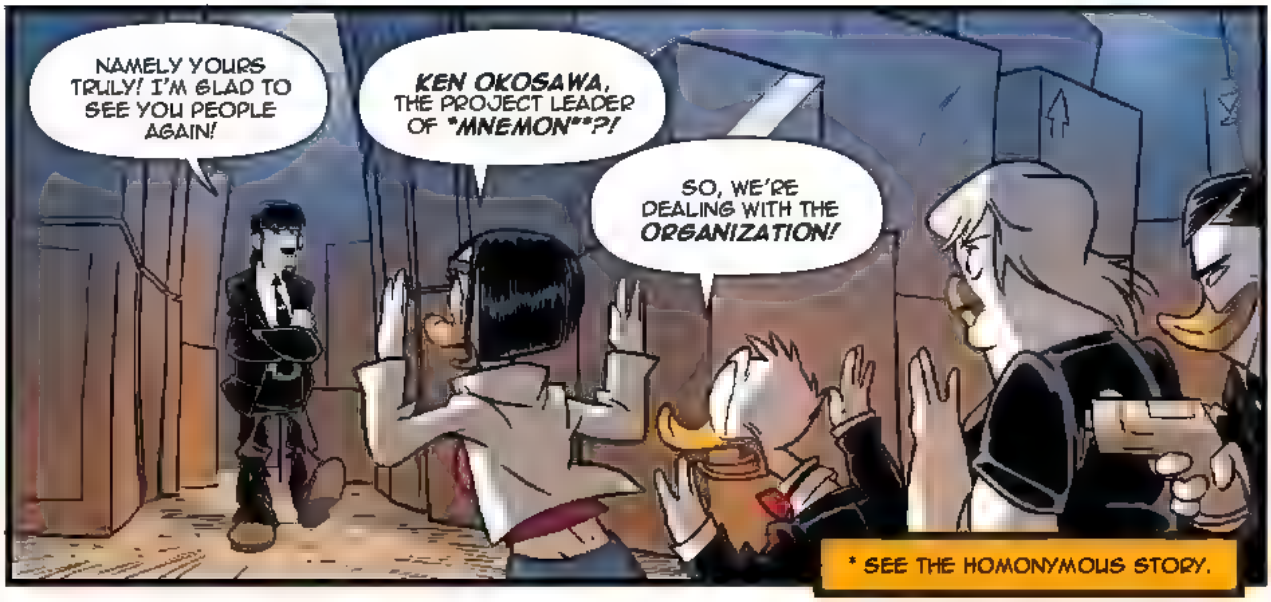

HUH? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH FOOTBALL POOLS?
IRMA MEANS A *DIFFERENT* "SYSTEM"!
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE DEPOT! DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
I JUST FOUND OUT WHEN RUMMAGING IN THE COMPANY'S DIGITAL ARC-HIVES!
"IT'S AN APPARENTLY UNUSED *PORT WAREHOUSE!* I'M WILLING TO BET YOU ANYTHING THAT THE ABDUCTEES ARE BEING HELD INSIDE!"
BUT LOCATING IT WILL BE HARD! HONG KONG'S PORT IS IMMENSE!
THEN WE'LL GET HELP FROM YOUR "COLLEAGUE", BILLY CHUNG!
BY THE WAY, WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT HIM?
TO NOT ENDANGER HIM! I PREFERRED ACTING ON MY OWN!


HEY, THERE'S A SLICE OF PIZZA LEFT! IF NOBODY WANTS IT...
JUST FINISH IT, DD! I'VE EATEN MORE THAN ENOUGH...
WHAT POINT ARE YOU TWO AT?
ALMOST DONE! HERE'S THE MAP OF THE PORT WARE-HOUSES...
... AND THIS SQUARE IS "OURS"!
I'LL PRINT OUT THE MAP SO WE CAN TAKE IT WITH US!
HOW MANY IMPRISONED HACKERS DO YOU THINK THERE ARE?
AT LEAST *FIVE!* BUT OTHERS COULD HAVE "DISAPPEARED" IN THE MEANTIME!


EHEM... I NEED TO WASH MY HANDS!
BATHROOM'S AT THE END OF THE CORRIDOR!
ARE WE TO ACT TONIGHT?
YES, WAITING'S USELESS! FIRST, HOWEVER, WE BETTER DO AN INSPECTION!
IF YOU'D LIKE, I COULD TAKE CARE OF IT!
GOOD IDEA! IN CHINA, A CHINESE WILL GO MORE UNNOTICED THAN US!
I'LL GO RIGHT NOW! WAIT FOR ME HERE!
BE CAUTIOUS, I TELL YOU!
I'LL ALSO TAKE A WALK! I'M SICK OF STAYING CONFINED!
ALRIGHT, BUT DON'T STRAY TOO FAR!
REMEMBER THAT WE'LL SOON GO INTO ACTION!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE BACK IN TIME...

"... FOR OUR NIGHT-TIME OUTING!"
HERE WE GO! THAT'S TRAXPO'S DEPOT!
LIGHTS OFF AND NO GUARDS! PERFECT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA GO ALONE?
YES, IRMA! THE LESS WE ARE, THE LESS RISKS WE RUN!
YOU STAY HIDDEN! IF ANYONE COMES, USE YOUR LEGS!
WE WILL! GOOD LUCK!
I HOPE THE PLAN WORKS!
THE VILLAINS ARE SURELY NOT EXPECTING IT! TRUST ME, IT WILL WORK!

WELCOME, SNOOPERS! WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOUR SLIGHT DELAY HAD US WORRIED!
GASP! IT WAS A TRAP!
YOU GUESSED IT! AND YOU FELL INTO IT LIKE PIGEONS!
BILLY?!
COMPLIMENTS ON THE DOUBLE-DEALING! YOU WERE QUITE CLEVER!
THANKS, BUT CREDIT GOES TO WHO CONCEIVED THIS GENIUS ENDEAVOR!


NAMELY YOURS TRULY! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU PEOPLE AGAIN!
KEN OKOSAWA, THE PROJECT LEADER OF *MNEMON**?!
SO, WE'RE DEALING WITH THE ORGANIZATION!
* SEE THE HOMONYMOUS STORY.

MEANING THAT TRAXPO IS JUST A COVER!
LET'S CALL IT ONE OF THE LEGAL FACADES COVERING OUR TRUE ACTIVITIES!

BUT WHY HAVE YOU BEEN ABDUCTING US? DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY UNKNOWN?
ON THE CONTRARY, WE INTEND TO PRESERVE THE GROUP IN GOOD HEALTH!

YEAH, TO FORCE THE HACKTIVISTS TO STEAL FOR YOU!
CONGRATULATIONS, MY DEAR! I SEE YOU UNDERSTAND!

CYBERCRIME IS THE LATEST FRONTIER, BUT NEEDS HIGHLY SKILLED TECHNICIANS AND WE "ENLIST" ONLY THE BEST!

IT'S MR. CHUNG, OUR EXPERT, WHO HANDLES THE SELECTION!
HE HE! INFILTRATING INTO UNKNOWN WAS CHILD'S PLAY!
THEN YOU ORGANIZED THE AMBUSH AT "CYBER PLANET"!
YOU GUESSED IT! BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO MANAGE TO THWART IT!
AT THAT POINT I WENT ALONG WITH IT! THE IDEA WAS TO LET YOU PENETRATE THE TRAXPO BUILDING AND CAPTURE YOU...
... BUT THERE WAS MISS BOOTS, JUST THE ONE WE WERE LOOKING FOR!
SCOUNDRELS! YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING OUR EVERY MOVE!
SO, KNOWING THAT WE'D COME TO THE DEPOT, YOU LET US DO IT!
CONVENIENT, ISN'T IT? JUST THE PLACE WHERE WE WANTED YOU!
AND NOW YOU'LL HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ADMIRING SOMETHING UNIQUE...
BZZZZZ

... THE ORGANIZATION'S WORLD CRACKING CENTER!
MY MISSING FRIENDS... THEY'RE ALL HERE!
MISS BOOTS WILL JOIN THEM! YOU HOWEVER, WILL FATTEN THE FISH IN THE BAY!
THANK YOU, MR. OKOSAWA! THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED TO KNOW!
DID YOU HEAR ALL THAT, CAPTAIN ZHAO? GOOD, YOU CAN INTERVENE!
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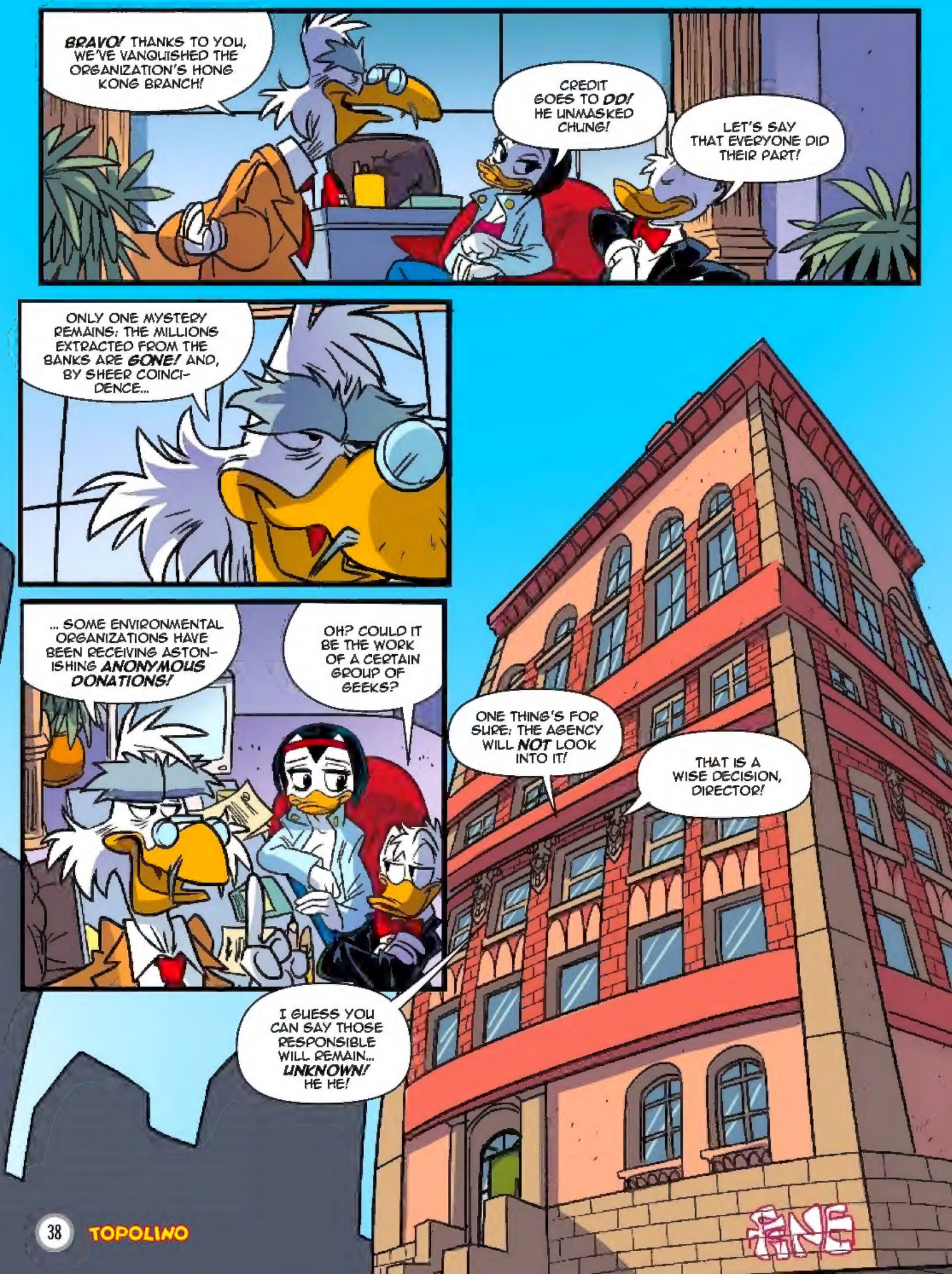
POLICE! NOBODY MOVE!
ARGH! THE COPS!
B-BUT HOW...
DON'T SHOOT, WE SURRENDER!
HURRAY! THEY'VE COME TO FREE US!
HI, JACOB! WE FINALLY MEET AGAIN!
IRMA?!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO FIND US OUT?
THANKS TO BILLY! IT WAS HE WHO REVEALED HE SCHEME!
ME?!

REMEMBER WHEN I WENT TO THE BATHROOM? IN THE CORRIDOR, I NOTICED A SHEET STICKING OUT OF A BOOKSHELF...
"IT WAS A DOSSIER ON IRMA WITH LOTS OF PICTURES! BUT YOU SAID YOU DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE!"
IRMA
"SO I GOT SUSPICIOUS AND TAILED YOU TO FIND YOU ORGANIZING THE TRAP!"
AT THIS POINT, HAVING NOTIFIED THE POLICE, WE PLAYED ALONG TO NAIL YOU!
GLOM!
GRRR! YOUR MISTAKE WILL COST YOU DEARLY!
OPERATION CONCLUDED! NONE OF THE CRIMINALS HAVE ESCAPED CAPTURE!
GREAT WORK, CAPTAIN! BUT DON'T FORGET ABOUT TRAXPO... YOU'LL FIND SOME MORE SURPRISES IN THEIR HEADQUARTERS!


BRAVO! THANKS TO YOU, WE'VE VANQUISHED THE ORGANIZATION'S HONG KONG BRANCH!
CREDIT GOES TO DD! HE UNMASKED CHUNG!
LET'S SAY THAT EVERYONE DID THEIR PART!
ONLY ONE MYSTERY REMAINS: THE MILLIONS EXTRACTED FROM THE BANKS ARE GONE! AND, BY SHEER COINCI-DENCE...
... SOME ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ASTON-ISHING ANONYMOUS DONATIONS!
OH? COULD IT BE THE WORK OF A CERTAIN GROUP OF GEEKS?
ONE THING'S FOR SURE: THE AGENCY WILL NOT LOOK INTO IT!
THAT IS A WISE DECISION, DIRECTOR!
I GUESS YOU CAN SAY THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL REMAIN... UNKNOWN! HE HE!
FINE